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INTRODUCTION

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This bibliography should be useful to all scholars in the behavioral sciences, but it will be especially valuable to graduate students planning theses and research papers, as well as to their faculty advisors and those evaluating research proposals.

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